



BLACK HAWK AREA
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SUPERINTENDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING December 4, 2013

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Morrow, Ray Bergles, Becky Rodocker, Mike Oberhaus, Dave Deets, David Moyer, Alan Boucher, Tom Berg, Kristin Humphries, Kyle Ganson, Ron Jacobs, Shannon Bumann, Andy Richmond and Tammy Muerhoff – Ex-Officio
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chet Lien
- BHASED STAFF:** Mike Weger, Chris Goodson, Scott Petrie and Joyce Utz

1. Preliminary
 - A. Call to Order

The Superintendents' Advisory Committee (SAC) was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairman Andy Richmond.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2013

Dr. Moyer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Berg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
2. STEP Program Information

Corey Fineran, BHASED Transition Specialist, demonstrated the web program, QC Step, he created to help students find jobs. He also showed a brief clip of his weekly podcast.
3. Communication

No one requested an opportunity to address the SAC.
4. Reports
 - A. Reports from SAC Members

No reports were given at this time.
 - B. Report from BHASED Director

Dr. Weger shared the following with the SAC:

 - Flyer on Jim Knight who will be doing a presentation on January 30, 2014;
 - Information stating when an employee is terminated, the name must be given in open session;
 - ISBE will be providing IEP facilitators; there will be a pilot program and more information will be forthcoming; and
 - BHASED has hired approximately 16 paraprofessionals for the 2014-15 school year when they begin to administer the Black Hawk Center; 16 applications for Assistant Principal have been received with 10 viable candidates to interview.

5. Blanket Motion

Mr. Bergles made the motion to blanket agenda items 6. A., B., 7. A.-F. and 9. Mr. Berg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Morrow, Mr. Bergles, Ms. Rodocker, Dr. Oberhaus, Mr. Deets, Dr. Moyer, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Berg, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Ganson, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Bumann and Mr. Richmond. Nays: None.

6. Business/Finance

A. Recommendation to Approve Financial Statements – September & October 2013

B. Recommendation to Approve Bills – October & November 2013

7. Personnel

Employment for Current Opening (2013-2014 school year):

A. Ken Moffett, 1:1 Paraprofessional – Phoenix Program @\$10.25/hr.

Employment for 2014-2015 school year:

B. David Kohl, Paraprofessional @\$15.75/hr.

C. Barbara Bichel, Paraprofessional @\$13.75/hr.

D. Lorena Ponce, Paraprofessional @\$13.25/hr. contingent upon ELL verification (\$11.75/hr. otherwise)

E. Amy Dodge, Paraprofessional @\$11.00/hr.

F. Cynthia Fowler, Paraprofessional @\$10.50/hr.

9. Policies – First Reading

We request approval of the first reading of Policies: 2:105; 5:20, 6:120, 7:230; 7:340; 2:80E; 2:170; and 7:15.

8. Audit

Scott Petrie reviewed the FY13 Audit. The full audit can be found on the BHASED web site. There were three violations: 1) separation of duties; 2) Statement of Economic Interest not filed by some Board members; and 3) \$200 interest was received on Federal funds and must be returned to ISBE. Mr. Petrie stated ISBE is beginning to closely monitor the sub-grants; he will be working closely with district bookkeepers regarding these grants.

Mr. Bumann made the motion to recommend the approval of the FY13 Audit report as presented. Mr. Bergles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Morrow, Mr. Bergles, Ms. Rodocker, Dr. Oberhaus, Mr. Deets, Dr. Moyer, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Berg, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Ganson, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Bumann and Mr. Richmond. Nays: None.

10. Information/Discussion items:

A. Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program

Moline has currently administers the Deaf/Hard of Hearing inter-district program. Options were discussed regarding this program when Moline withdraws from the Cooperative next year. East Moline and UTHS do not have adequate space to house the K-12 program; Rock Island explored the possibility of administering the program but stated it would cost their district approximately \$140,000. The SAC agreed it was economically sensible to continue to have Moline administer the Deaf/Hard of Hearing program; the districts would continue to be billed as they currently are. Dr. Weger and Dr. Moyer will draft a written agreement to be presented to the SAC prior to the next meeting with action requested at the January SAC meeting.

B. Consultant Cost Management

Discussion was held regarding the monetary responsibility when a district student is placed in an inter-district program and legal fees are incurred. The Colona school district has had a great deal of expense with a due process and consultants' fees for one student. Mr. Ganson believed the fees would be shared by all districts because the student was

placed in an inter-district program and a due process was held. He was advised by his attorneys to settle because the district would lose in court. Mr. Ganson stated he had no control over the staff or programming at the Center but his district has paid an exorbitant amount of legal fees for this one situation. He said this could happen to anyone in any district. He was just seeking clarification on this topic; and perhaps the language in the By-Laws needs to be reviewed. He said he is not looking for any type of compensation; just clarification so this same situation did not present itself again.

The Policy Oversight Committee will meet and review the wording and bring back information to the entire SAC. The Policy Oversight Committee consists of Tom Berg (Chairman), Ray Bergles and Kyle Ganson.

C. Security Survey

Scott Petrie handed out to the SAC members a National Data Security survey. He asked each Superintendent to fill out the information based on what is done in their district. He will compile the information to help make decisions about the security measures to be used at Phoenix and the BHAEC.

D. Project Grid

Dr. Weger shared an updated grid of the status of projects/challenges needing attention prior to the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

E. Non-Public School Survey

A survey from the Camelot Schools company was shared. The Camelot School was conducting a survey in this area to see it was felt there was a need for a school such as this in our area.

11. Chairman's Session

Mr. Ganson shared with the SAC there will be a demonstration in January at the ROE regarding "Crisis Go." This is an application for smart phones which would alert all staff of an intruder entering a building.

There being no further business, Mr. Jacobs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ganson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. The SAC was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. Andy Richmond, Chairman

Dr. R. Michael Weger, Secretary